

Aycrigg Mansion
Main Avenue
Passaic, Passaic County, New Jersey

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Owner: Masonic Association of Passaic

Date of Erection: About 1850

Architect:

Builder: John Banker Aycrigg

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - native
sandstone

Interior walls - plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - hip with lantern

Historical Data:

This building was formerly known as the Aycrigg Mansion and was one of the show places of Passaic for many years. The exact date of building has not been determined, but Scott in his History of Passaic and Its Environments mentions the house in a description of Passaic in 1859 and speaks of it as being of recent erection. For a short time, the building was used as a collegiate institute. The title to the property was acquired by the Masonic Association from John B. Aycrigg and his wife in 1909.

The News' History of Passaic in speaking of this house mentions a first story room on the south side about 50 feet by 25 feet with two bedrooms over it each about 25 feet by 25 feet. The library on the first floor at the northeast corner is described as about 18 feet by 25 feet and the hall is said to be 20 feet wide. These dimensions do not exactly agree with the rooms as they are today and are probably approximations. It has been impossible to trace the original arrangement of the rooms, but it is known that the interior has been changed. The heights of the different stories is worthy of mention: The basement is 9 feet 5 inches high, the first story is 17 feet 9 and 3/4 inches, and the second story is 10 feet 11 1/2 inches.

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